



CITY OF ROANOKE
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Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor
Honorable M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brenda L. McDaniel, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and member of Council:

Subject: Interoperability Grant

Background:

The Office for Domestic Preparedness, under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been awarded the City of Roanoke \$65,000 from the Local Interoperable Communication Grant. DHS offers these funds to successful applicants for activities which improve interoperable radio communications in Virginia.

The City of Roanoke has been awarded this grant funding in order to equip the Roanoke's Police Department mobile command center with an interoperable radio infrastructure as well as eight (8) radios. When installed, these radios can be used to communicate over virtually any radio frequency currently used by any public safety agency throughout the State of Virginia. This infrastructure and radio units will allow the use of may be used by analog or digital radio technology.

Recommended Action:

Accept the DHS Local Interoperability Communications Grant. Authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreements and any related documents, subject

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to them being approved as to form by the City Attorney. Appropriate funding totaling \$65,000 and establish corresponding revenue estimates in accounts to be established by the Director of Finance in the Grant Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

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c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Rolanda B. Russell, Assistant City Manager
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